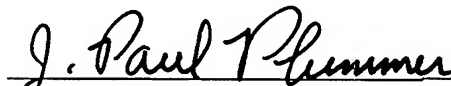


**CONCLUSION**

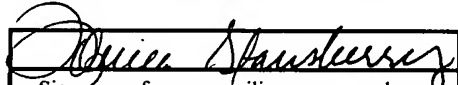
The applicants believe that the still pending claims are now in condition for allowance. If the examiner wishes to discuss this application with counsel, please contact the undersigned.

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